

Initial Registrant Questions NRC Recycling Market Outlook Forum

There are currently about 400 Registrants and several of them submitted questions when they registered.

I've compiled them by topic for your reference (as of 4/22/20)

Joel and Tison

- Can you speak to idea that producers using virgin petroleum to produce plastics pay a carbon tax to fund plastics recycling?
- How are the low oil prices affecting plastic markets/recycled product manufacturing?
- State of feedstock plastics.

Nina

- Can you speak to idea that producers using virgin petroleum to produce plastics pay a carbon tax to fund plastics recycling?
- Can the MRFs become advanced and accept all types of fossil, bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics?
- Please discuss state of film plastic recycling. effects of content legislation-any material
- Discuss diability of new technical solutions for plastics—including why chemical recycling has been studied so long, but there's so little movement forward?
- What type of plastics are recycled within USA and which ones are sent abroad where there are less controls?

Bill

- Fiber market future (likely already covered in slides)
- What impacts do you see on paper, specifically OIN/#9 and OCC?
- What are recycling avenues for fiber cores?

Scott

- Can you please talk specifically about glass drop off programs—challenges and successes?
- Recycled glass aggregate—reiterate and publish previous inter-agency acceptance.

Joe- no specific metals questions to date, but see below for other pertinent questions and topics.

For the entire panel

- Address market needs for western states versus other parts of the U.S.
- What are the business models that support recycling programs?
- Impacts of freight on recycling markets
- Outlook for 6-9 months and 12-18 months for supply and demand; including any Predictions about post-consumer container pricing or market strength.

- How can EPR regulations improve recycling?
- How do we make it clearer companies what is needed to support and improve recycling?
- How do we realistically reduce (or offset) costs at the local level of recycling?
- What is the medium and long-range potential for the U.S. to become a greater market for recovered material? What is needed for this to happen?
- Any updates on when container redemption programs get back to normal?

Other Topics

- Information about recycling wood scrap
- Information about landfilling recyclables at the moment
- Perhaps for Ron at EPA—any adjustments to metrics given lower occupancy in commercial buildings?
- How do we (or do we) continue messaging about reusables in this current pandemic? What are impacts reuse marketplace?
- Joe? - Speak to where recycling stands as an essential service around the US.
- Local solid waste impacts of pandemic?
- Are we seeing any innovations driven by COVID-19?